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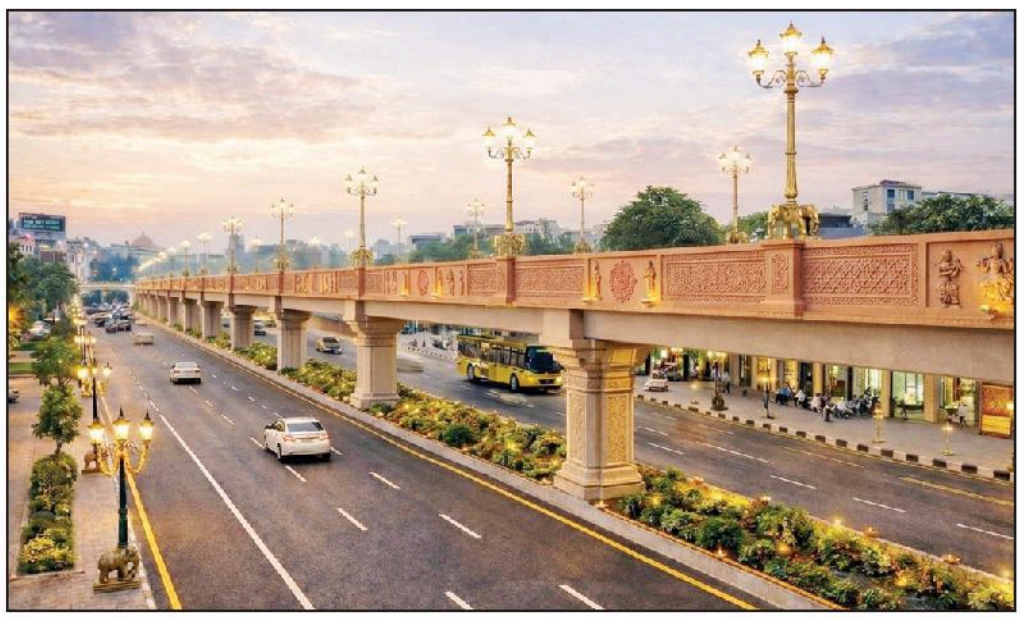
Rs. 4,200 cr. elevated corridor plan stalled

Soil tests carried out on 11-km stretch between Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa Circle & Lingadevarakoppal, Mysuru-Hunsur Road



A file photo of workers digging earth to collect samples for soil test on Hunsur Road near Kalamandira, Mysuru, in October 2025. Picture right shows an artist's impression of the elevated corridor with crash barrier and street light design reflecting Mysuru's royal and cultural heritage (Indo-Saracenic style).

Mysuru, May 6 (BLU&BCT)- Mysuru city's ambitious elevated corridor project, proposed between Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa Circle (Metropole Circle) and Lingadevarakoppal near Yelwal, has been put on hold, casting uncertainty over one of the city's most high-profile infrastructure plans.

The Rs. 4,200-crore project, announced by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, was aimed at easing traffic congestion along the busy Hunsur Road.

The State Government had proposed an 11-km elevated corridor, with the Public Works Department (PWD) tasked with its execution.

As part of the preliminary work, soil tests were carried out along the stretch to assess ground stability for the massive pillars required for the structure.

The Detailed Project Report (DPR) was prepared by Vista Infra Consultants, which has submitted a comprehensive plan to the PWD, including blueprints, 3D designs, underpass and flyover layouts, and a visualisation.

Futuristic transport solution

The DPR also identifies several private and government properties that would need to be acquired.

(See CORRIDOR on page 7)

VILLA PLOTS
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Pee... & Be... Exposed!

Mysuru, May 6 (MTY&VNS)- In a bid to curb the menace of public urination, the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) has come up with an unusual, ingenious, and hard-to-ignore solution: Installing metal frames fitted with mirror-like reflective sheets along the footpath on Bengaluru-Nilgiri Road, opposite the Sub-Urban Bus Stand.

Placed near stormwater drains that had turned into habitual 'relief points,' the idea is simple. Anyone attempting to urinate there may now find themselves face-to-face with their own reflection. Not just that, the mirror effect means others nearby can see it too, making it an awkward moment for offenders.

(See EXPOSED on page 7)

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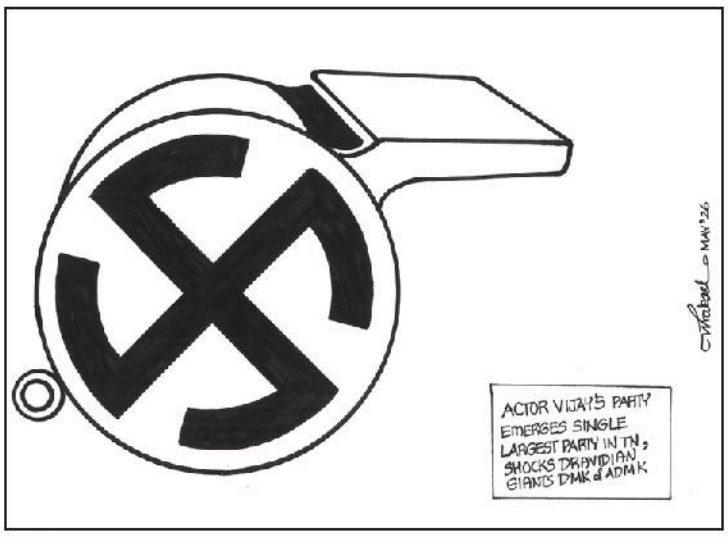
"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Wednesday 6th May 2026

TEASER

By N. Prakash



EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

A LIFE ALIGNED WITH THE INFINITE: ***The resolve to offer one's life in a spirit of voluntary service arises only when one understands that their presence is meant for the well-being of others. For the sake of interpersonal communication and personal remembrance/awareness, one may call it 'first-degree liberation.' This clarity is not merely intellectual — it is experiential. It matures when one recognises a profound truth: that the culmination of knowing is the recognition of the unknown — so deeply unknown that one is unaware even of what remains unknown. In this recognition, one becomes free from rigid belief.***

Freedom from belief is not emptiness; it is openness and trust in oneness. It is a state of higher awareness that nourishes the body, mind and inner being, because belief, when held unconsciously, can obstruct both learning and realisation. Across ages, sages have indicated that the essence of existence lies in self-realisation — abiding in self-awareness. At the present stage of evolution of consciousness in humans, living with awareness appears to be the most authentic expression of life's purpose for those who seek the supreme truth with sincerity.

There is a distinction between what we know we do not know and what lies beyond even our imagination. The former invites inquiry; the latter invites humility. This humility becomes the ground for inner growth. At this stage of awakening, openness becomes the greatest responsibility and living in that spirit through one's person becomes the utmost discipline.

Once there is recognition of oneself as a responsible participant in the cosmic order, life aligns with eternal values — love, *dharma,* ***truth, non-violence and a vision of timeless beauty. When these values guide our actions, consciousness is no longer entangled in cravings for what is fleeting and finite. Instead, these values act as a living bridge between our true nature*** *(swabhaav)* ***and our apparent individuality, reflected through nature*** *(prakriti)*. ***Our true nature is boundless and beyond time. And that which is infinite cannot be incomplete.***

When the intellect is refined and purified through right understanding, an inner freedom is experienced that is not dependent on external conditions. This is the state of living liberation *— Jeevan Mukta.* ***To abide in this state is true wisdom in action. Through such a being, something greater begins to express itself. Whether we call it 'divinity' or 'wisdom' is our choice, but it manifests as clarity, compassion and harmony. And this lands us in subtle wonderment: whether there truly is a difference between divinity and wisdom or are these simply two expressions pointing towards the same living truth.*** *—Nandkishore in Deccan Herald*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Man does 12,412 pull-ups in 24 hours!

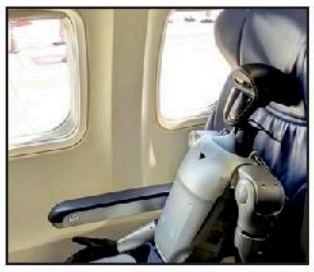
Virginia: A 22-year-old athlete from Virginia was able to perform 12,412 pull-ups in 24 hours in an attempt to break a Guinness World Record.

Xavier Dillard started his attempt at the record for the most pull-ups in 24 hours at 10 am on Saturday and completed his marathon exercise session at the same time on Sunday.

Dillard said he started really pushing himself in pull-ups three years ago in an attempt to surpass the abilities of a friend, and he started training for the world record two years ago.

Evidence from the attempt must now be reviewed by Guinness World Records to become official.

Robot delays flight by over an hour!



Oakland: A Southwest Airlines flight from Oakland, Calif., to San Diego was delayed for more than an hour due to the presence of an unusual passenger — a robot. Eily Ben-Abraham of Elite Event Robotics confirmed he and the 4-foot-tall, 70-pound robot, named Bebop, boarded the plane at Oakland San Francisco Bay Airport to fly to San Diego.

Southwest Airlines spokesperson Lynn Lunsford confirmed Ben-Abraham had purchased a ticket for Bebop, but the initial delay was caused by the robot's presence in an aisle seat being a violation of the airline's policy for large carry-on items.

Bebop was moved to a window seat, but airline staff soon noted a second issue. Bebop's lithium battery was found to be larger than the maximum allowed by Southwest Airlines policy, so the plane was only able to depart once the battery was removed and confiscated. The plane departed one hour and two minutes behind schedule.

HEALTH CAPSULE

High-Risk Groups Need Extra Care

Elderly individuals, diabetics, and those with prior heart conditions should stay cool, hydrated, and compliant with medications.

By Dr. C. B. Keshavamurthy - Senior Consultant – Interventional Cardiology - Manipal Hospitals, Mysuru

manipalhospitals LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Give importance to libraries just like temples: Dr. Manasa

Mysuru, May 6 (BLU&VNS)- Libraries must be given importance similar to temples, said Kannada Book Authority Chairman Dr. Manasa after inaugurating 'Manegondu Granthalaya' (One library for every house) at Mysore Art Gallery on Ramanuja Road here recently. He said, a library in every household will enhance the knowledge of residents.

"Kannada Book Authority aims to open library in every house to increase the number of book-lovers. Very soon libraries will be opened at one lakh houses to reach one crore people. It is also important to open libraries in every school and college which would help children enhance their knowledge," he added.

Former Kannada and Culture Deputy Director M.G. Sadanandaiah, 'Manegondu Granthalaya' Zilla Jagruthi Samithi Convenor M. Chandrashekar, Gallery Founder L. Shivalingappa and others were present.

WATER LEVEL

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Last year's level **94.30 feet**	Last year's level **2,264.02 feet**	Last year's level **2,831.86 feet**
Yesterday's level **92.07 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,256.75 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,827.23 feet**
Today's Inflow **47 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **136 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **219 cusecs**
Today's Outflow **1,487 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **700 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **180 cusecs**

REALLY...?

- ***Alexander the Great was buried alive.***
- ***Cleopatra wasn't Egyptian — she was Greek.***
- ***Abraham Lincoln was a champion wrestler.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

A Traffic Policeman signalled a speeding car driven by Banta to stop.

Police: *Why were you driving so fast? You were going well beyond the allowed speed limit.*

Banta: *My brakes had failed and I wanted to get home as fast as I could before I had an accident!?*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 95.15
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 129.26
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 25.91
1 Euro	= Rs. 111.66

VOICE OF THE READER

Mysuru needs a good public transport system

Sir,

Mysuru is witnessing a steady rise in traffic, driven by higher incomes and the growing affordability of cars and two-wheelers.

At the same time, increasing urbanisation and influx of people from nearby villages and suburbs are adding to the pressure on city roads.

If this trend continues, the city could soon reach a saturation point, making daily commuting difficult, with traffic conditions resembling peak Dasara days.

City buses remain the backbone of Mysuru's public transport system. However, the fleet has not seen any significant expansion, with authorities largely replacing old buses rather than adding new ones, and many routes continuing along outdated patterns. This has led to calls for alternative transport options.

The proposal for a Metro Rail system has been discussed, but studies indicate it may not be viable for a city like Mysuru, where average commute distances are relatively short compared to larger cities such as Bengaluru. As a result, the Metro risks becoming more of a costly showpiece than a practical solution.

Experts say the focus should instead be on strengthening land-based transport, particularly buses, along with shared e-rickshaws for last-mile connectivity. Notably, Mysuru is yet to introduce electric city buses, which are faster, cleaner and reduce dependence on fossil fuels.

The current fleet of around 500 buses is widely seen as inadequate for a growing city. Concerns have also been raised that infrastructure efforts are tilted towards Highways and Ring Roads on the outskirts, which may end up attracting more vehicles and increasing accident risks, rather than improving public transport within the city.

The Central Government's PM e-Bus Sewa Scheme, aimed at promoting electric buses, has not yet been implemented in Mysuru. In the absence of such initiatives, there are suggestions to explore app-based bus services like 'Uber Shuttle'. For last-mile connectivity, regulated shared e-rickshaws and affordable bike taxis could offer practical solutions while also creating employment opportunities.

Though shared auto services are already operating in areas like Mahadevapura Main Road, they remain largely unregulated.

There have also been repeated suggestions to introduce circular and radial bus corridors with fixed frequency, on the lines of a Metro system, with a mix of air-conditioned and non-air-conditioned services. Experts point out that at the cost of a single Metro project, estimated between Rs.250 crore and Rs.500 crore, several such improvements could be implemented.

There is also a need to revive non-motorised transport initiatives. Earlier, efforts like the Trin Trin public bicycle-sharing system failed to gain widespread popularity, especially when compared to services like 'Yulu' in Bengaluru.

With traffic pressures mounting, there is a growing view that authorities must prioritise public transport, make use of schemes like PM e-Bus Sewa and develop a regulated last-mile connectivity network before congestion becomes unmanageable.

—Vasanth Ramu
Mysuru
3.5.2026

Mysore Toastmasters hold Open House Meeting at Heritage House

Mysuru, May 6- Mysore Toastmasters conducted its Open House Meeting themed "Crescendo" at Heritage House in city recently, in collaboration with Mysuru Readers.

Mysuru Readers, represented by Sharath Raj, works towards building a vibrant reading community inspired by Mysuru's rich literary heritage shaped by stalwarts such as R.K. Narayan and Kuvempu.

The meeting commenced with an engaging session, followed by opening remarks by Presiding Officer Vishal Nangal, President, Mysore Toastmasters.

Sergeant-at-Arms K.S. Sanjay outlined the meeting protocols. Toastmaster of the Day Suma Yadrami, DTM, introduced the theme "Crescendo," highlighting the upcoming District Conference and organisational structure.

An educational session was delivered by Vignesh V. Nayak, author of *Corporate Sanyasi*, who shared insights on professional growth and personal transformation.

The Table Topics session, conducted by Murali Krishnan, saw enthusiastic participation, with speakers delivering impromptu speeches. The meeting roles were supported by Sushmitha Krishna (Timer) and concluded with an award session and closing remarks by Vishal.

Toastmasters International is a global non-profit educational organisation dedicated to improving communication and leadership skills. With a legacy of over 16 years, Mysore Toastmasters continues to nurture confident speakers and leaders. They meet every Saturday from 5.15 pm to 7.15 pm at Learners PU College, Vijayanagar, Mysuru. For details, contact G. Vishok, Vice-President Membership, on Mob: 97398-67073 or Sharath Raj of Mysuru Readers on Mob: 96112-40389.

Young Indians Parliament: Calling Schools

Mysuru, May 6- The Young Indians (Yi) Mysuru Chapter, an integral part of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), invites schools across Mysuru and surrounding regions to nominate students from Grades 9, 10, 11 and 12 for the second edition of the Young Indians Parliament (YiP) 2026, scheduled to be held in June 2026.

YiP is a flagship national initiative aimed at building civic consciousness, leadership capability and policy literacy among school students through immersive parliamentary experience.

Following the success of YiP 2025, which saw participation from over 100 students, with five from Mysuru advancing to the National Round, the 2026 edition is set to scale participation and impact significantly.

With the theme "Where Young Minds Shape the Nation — Debate, Decide, Drive," YiP offers students a unique opportunity to engage in parliamentary simulations, policy debates and decision-making exercises.

Participants will gain hands-on exposure to: Public speaking and debate; Critical thinking and problem-solving; Policy awareness & governance processes; Leadership & negotiation skills.

YiP follows a three-tier progression model comprising City Rounds, Regional Rounds and National Finals, enabling top-performing students to progress and gain national-level recognition and exposure.

Yi Mysuru invites schools (both urban and rural) to participate in this initiative by nominating their students and encouraging them to be part of a platform that nurtures informed, responsible and future-ready citizens.

For registration, contact K. Guruprasad on Mob: 95356-39537 or e-mail: *guruprasad.k@cii.in*

MRC pays Rs. 3.35 crore Property Tax to MCC

Mysore Race Club (MRC) Committee Member Jayaraj Urs handing over a cheque for Rs. 3,35,59,590 towards the Property Tax of Mysore Race Club Ltd. to Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Deputy Commissioner (Revenue) G.S. Somashekar *(2nd from right)* ***as MRC Committee Members Dr. A.S. Ajit Kumar Raj Urs & Rakesh Vijayakumar, Secretary & CEO N.H.S. Mani, Revenue Inspector K.R. Umesh and Senior Manager P. Nandan Kumar look on.***

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NEWS BRIEFS

Hostel admission

JSS Mahavidyapeetha has invited applications for admission to Sri Basaveshwara Anathalaya in Vaddagere of Gundlupet taluk, Chamarajanagar. Admission is open to students from 5th to 10th Std. Application forms can be had from the hostel office or via WhatsApp. For details, call Mahavidyapeetha's Hostel Division on Ph: 0821-2548212 or Hostel Warden Mahantadevaru on Mob: 63602-56679.

Ayurveda camp

A Skin Care and Detoxification Yoga Camp — Rejuvenating Skin, Body and Mind Naturally — has been organised at JSS Ayurveda Hospital in Alanahalli from May 6 to 16 between 9.30 am and 4.30 pm. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2548231 or Mob: 96320-00697.

Calling alumni

T.S. Subbanna Sarvajanika Vidyasamsthe Hiriya Vidyarthigala Sangha, Vidyaranyapuram, has, in a press release, asked those who have studied in the schools or were the inmates of the institution hostel, to become the members of the Sangha. Prescribed application form is available at the Sangha office. For details, contact Mob: 94495-08757 or 95385-01100.

Free cancer clinic

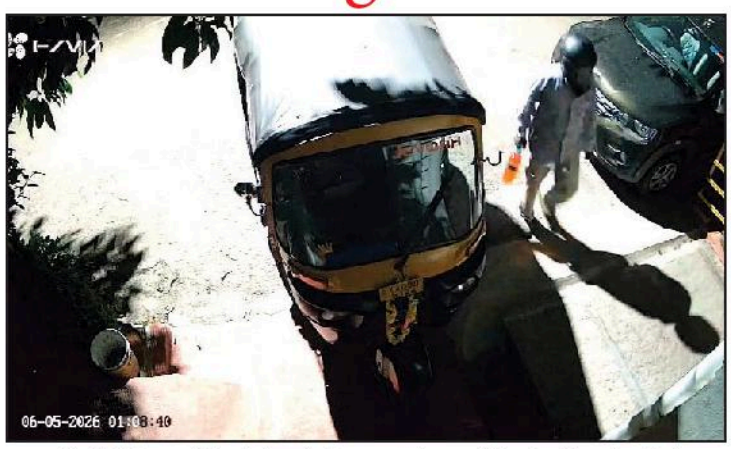
A free Cancer Detection Clinic has been organised at Preethi Cancer Centre in Lakshmipuram on May 7 from 10 am to 8 pm. For details, contact Ph: 0821-4259259.

Ph.D awardee

P.K. Sudeep has been awarded Ph.D in Psychology by the University of Mysore (UoM) for his thesis 'Domestic Violence Self-harm, and Mental Health Correlates in Parents of Children and Adolescents With Cerebral Palsy' submitted under the guidance of Dr. S. Venkatesan.

Helmeted man torches two bikes in wee hours

Arson caught on CCTV camera in Gandhinagar; victim targeted for second time in two months



01:08:40 am - The helmeted man arrives with a bottle of petrol.

01:09:17 am - He pours petrol on the bike.

01:09:53 am - Lights a matchstick and throws it on the bike.

01:09:55 am - Helmeted man flees after setting the bike afire.

Mysuru, May 6 (KS)- A miscreant, wearing a helmet, set fire to two parked motorcycles after dousing them with petrol in Gandhinagar in the wee hours today, leaving one vehicle completely charred and the other extensively damaged.

The incident occurred between 1 am and 1.40 am on Annamma Temple Road, 1st Cross in Gandhinagar. The entire act was captured on a CCTV camera.

The damaged vehicles include a Honda Dream Yuga (KA-45-Q-8327) belonging to Sharath, a delivery executive and a brand new TVS Rider 125 cc bike owned by Manjunath, who works at a readymade garments showroom in Kuvempunagar.

While Sharath's bike was gutted, Manjunath's vehicle sustained about 85 percent damage.

Manjunath had recently moved into a leased house on Annamma Temple Road, 1st Cross, along with his wife, son, younger brother Sharath and mother-in-law. He had parked his bike next to Sharath's in front of the house after returning from work around 11 pm.

Around 1.10 am, the house owner noticed flames outside while having dinner and rushed out to find both bikes on fire. He alerted neighbours and began dousing the flames. With their help, the fire was brought under control, though both vehicles had already been badly damaged.

Second incident

This is the second time Manjunath's TVS Rider has been set on fire. Before moving to Gandhinagar, he and his family were living in a rented house at Teachers' Layout on Dr. Rajkumar Road. He had purchased a new TVS Rider 125 and taken delivery on March 19, 2026, on the occasion of Ugadi.

After performing a puja for the new vehicle, he parked it outside his house around 11.30 pm and went indoors. Around 1 am, he noticed the bike on fire; by the time he and his family rushed out, it was completely gutted. He then filed a complaint at Alanahalli Police Station.

Following the incident, the showroom had provided him with a replacement bike a fortnight ago. But, in the early hours today, a miscreant again targeted the vehicle, dousing it with petrol from a two-litre bottle and setting it ablaze.

CCTV evidence

CCTV footage from a nearby house shows a man wearing a helmet arriving at the spot with a bottle of petrol. He is seen peering through the gates of neighbouring houses before approaching the parked vehicles. He then pours petrol on the TVS Rider and sets it on fire, after which the flames quickly spread to the adjacent bike.

Other parked vehicles, including a car and a scooter, were saved after being moved in time. Prompt action by neighbours helped prevent the fire from escalating. Manjunath lodged a complaint with the Narasimharaja (NR) Police, who collected CCTV footage and launched an investigation.

Obituary

R. Radha

Mysuru, May 6- R. Radha (65), a resident of Pramur Adonis Apartment at Dattagalli, passed away on Sunday in city.

She leaves behind her husband retired BARC Project Director M.R. Srikanthan, one son, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill on Monday.

'Unabated drug menace at NR Constituency led to murder'

Md. Umar

Mysuru, May 6 (MTY&BS)- The unabated racket of narcotic drugs and substance abuse including ganja, at Narasimharaja Assembly Constituency in the city, has so far led to six murders and two cases of murderous assaults.

Mohammed Khalid, uncle of Mohammed Umar, who is suspected to have been killed by drug addicts at K.N. Pura in Udayagiri yesterday, has elaborated on how narcotic drugs are peddled with local MLA and the Police turning hapless.

Speaking to media persons, Khalid said "Umar was killed by those under the influence of drugs. From ganja, every other narcotic drugs are being sold, at homes, streets and burial grounds in overt manner."

"The MLA and Police are fully aware about the drug cartel, but have turned blind towards it. Strangely, the Police informers themselves double up as conduits facilitating drug peddlers. They only get peddlers arrested by the Police and arrange for their release by greasing the palms of authorities concerned," he added.

Khalid said, in the last four months, six murder cases and two attempt to murder cases, were reported in Udayagiri Police limits. The youths in the age of 12 to 15 years, mostly in intoxicated state, carry knives with them, without any fear. Anybody who dares to question them, face their wrath, as they instantly stab them.

Demanding swift Police action, Khalid expressed fears over the recurrence of similar incidents in future, if no concrete action was taken to curtail the menace.

Umar, who was working as a cook, was also doing menial jobs to eke out a living. He was returning from work late in the night and leave in the morning. His murder is suspected to be fallout of an old enmity, but what triggered his murder is yet to be ascertained, Khalid added.

NIMHANS-model Hospital at Gudumadanahalli, Mysuru Taluk Needs a rethink

The blueprint of NIMHANS-like Hospital to come up in Mysuru. Villagers protesting at the proposed land at Gudumadanahalli in Varuna Hobli to build Mysuru's NIMHANS Hospital.

By Maj. Gen. (Retd.) S.G. Vombatkere

The Government of Karnataka is proposing to construct a NIMHANS-model Hospital Complex to serve the people of Mysuru, Mandya and Kodagu districts. Media reports indicate that the site selected for this Project is in Survey Nos. 8, 60 and 68 of Gudumadanahalli village in Varuna Hobli, Mysuru Taluk.

A NIMHANS-model Hospital is *prima facie* a good idea, so news of residents' protest against this project prompted a visit to Gudumadanahalli to understand their point of view.

Meeting and interacting with residents of Gudumadanahalli revealed their reasons for opposing the selection of the project site. They suggested 'kharab' land or 'gomala' land or land already converted for industrial or other non-agricultural uses, as alternative sites for the project. Gudumadanahalli's agri-based economy is an active asset. It remains green year-round, with cultivation of paddy, coconut, bananas and animal feed-grass, among other produce, including a substantial input of milk to Karnataka Milk Federation (KMF).

Grass is an important product as fodder for animals in Mysuru's Zoo and Pinjrapole and the Dasara elephants during the festival.

Gudumadanahalli's successful traditional agricultural activities over several generations of farmers are based upon the cultivated area of Gudumadanahalli being low-lying wetlands. The green oasis of Gudumadanahalli is a cool-spot carbon sink near Mysuru City. Its destruction by constructing buildings will cause irreversible environmental and ecological loss to Mysuru City and Mysuru District.

Mysuru Sewage Farm's partially untreated effluent flows into Dalvoy Lake, which functions like an aeration pond. Dalvoy Lake overflows into Gudumadanahalli's low-lying natural wetlands. Natural microbial activity and plant uptake in the wetlands further improve the water quality.

Thus, the Gudumadanahalli wetlands offer natural water purification, while simultaneously providing nutrient-rich water for economically productive agriculture.

The proposed project will destroy this natural purification process, along with the natural life in the wetlands, thus causing irreversible environmental and ecological damage.

It is self-evident that a wetland, additionally subject to monsoon water-logging, is the wrong choice, especially for a hospital. The malodorous, low-lying wetland surroundings of hospital buildings will be unhealthy and extremely difficult to manage for patients and hospital staff.

The Mysore Airport at Mandakalli is just a half-kilometre from Gudumadanahalli. The noise of aircraft landing and taking off is disturbing, even with the present limited flight operations. Extension of the Airport runway is planned to accommodate larger aircraft and expand operations to national and international destinations.

The extended runway will be even closer to Gudumadanahalli and increased air traffic with the expanded Airport will be a perpetual high-decibel noise disturbance to Hospital patients and staff. It is not good practice to locate a hospital near a source of high-decibel noise. Apart from that, the residents of Gudumadanahalli are small farmers cultivating 3-15 gunta plots and others who are agricultural workers.

Acquiring the agricultural land for the project will displace these families. They will lose both land and livelihood and be obliged to relocate, resettle and rehabilitate themselves.

Displacement will convert this self-supporting farming community into Project-Affected Families (PAFs). Some may argue that PAFs are entitled to compensation. However, the harsh realities of land acquisition administered by the apathetic and corrupt bureaucracy are that many farmers may not get their compensation in full.

We have the examples of the displaced people from the Kabini Dam project from the 1970s and the Upper Krishna Project; some of them are still fighting for their compensation.

Interestingly, sources say that no comparative Environmental, Social and Economic Impact Assessment of alternative sites was conducted in choosing a site for the hospital project!

Even at this late stage, the Government should reconsider Gudumadanahalli for the hospital complex and conduct a comparative study of alternate sites. This green oasis is crucial, especially if you're considering going ahead with the Greater Mysore project.

An earth mover digging trenches at the proposed NIMHANS Hospital land in Mysuru taluk recently.

Fate of Devaraja Market, Lansdowne Building

SC backs IIT Roorkee report on restoration

State asked to prepare conservation plan to prevent damage; Next hearing on July 30, 2026

Mysuru, May 6 (BCT)- The Supreme Court has said that the heritage structures of Devaraja Market and the Lansdowne Building in the heart of Mysuru must be preserved.

Taking note of a report by a committee from IIT Roorkee, a Bench of Justices J.B. Pardiwala and Vijay Bishnoi observed on May 4 that both structures should be protected, with necessary renovation and restoration works taken up. "A comprehensive plan needs to be prepared by the administration," the Bench said.

The Court was hearing a Special Leave Petition (SLP) challenging the proposed demolition of the two structures. It directed the State Government, the District Administration and the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) to proceed in accordance with the IIT Roorkee committee's findings.

"Let the necessary exercise be undertaken at the earliest to ensure that no further damage is caused to the structures," the Court said, posting the next hearing to July 30, 2026.

The Bench also asked the authorities to consider the recommendations made by the Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH).

Devaraja Market

Lansdowne Building

> This is not the Supreme Court's final order, and no conclusive decision has been taken. The case has been posted to July 30, 2026. We will present our arguments then.
>
> **— G. Lakshmikanth Reddy, Deputy Commissioner, Mysuru**

IIT Roorkee report

In its report, based on a detailed structural analysis and audit conducted in October 2025, IIT Roorkee experts said both Devaraja Market and the Lansdowne Building can be restored and conserved, given their significant heritage value.

"As part of Mysuru's ensemble of civic architecture, they embody interconnected values that remain relevant today. A detailed and scientifically sound conservation plan is essential and severely deteriorated elements may require reconstruction as part of the restoration," the committee noted.

Petition against demolition

The SLP was filed by heritage advocate and author G. Sathyanarayana (popularly known as Gouri Satya), R. Raja Chandra, son-in-law of late Maharaja Jayachamaraja Wadiyar and others. The petition challenges the Karnataka High Court's Aug. 8, 2023 judgment in Writ Petition No. 15215/2020 (PIL).

The petitioners opposed any move to demolish or reconstruct the structures, citing their classification under Section 2 (1ea) of the Karnataka Town and Country Planning Act, 1961, and their inclusion in the Mysuru-Nanjangud Master Plan-2031 (Revision-II).

Following the SLP, the Supreme Court had earlier stayed all demolition and reconstruction work. Meanwhile, the State Government floated a Rs. 35.95 crore tender for reconstructing the Lansdowne Building.

Petitioners welcome Supreme Court stand

Mysuru, May 6 (BCT)- Welcoming the Supreme Court's observations, R. Raja Chandra, son-in-law of late Maharaja Jayachamaraja Wadiyar, told *Star of Mysore* that he hoped the authorities would now recognise the ground realities and take steps to preserve the city's heritage.

"One of our key arguments against the demolition was that the expert Dr. Syed Shakeeb-Ur-Rahman, relied upon by the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC), was not a conservation specialist. We had also submitted an independent expert opinion to support this," he said.

"After the IIT Roorkee report was submitted, the matter was heard on May 4, 2026. Once again, the recommendation was clear: Restore the markets, conserve them and ensure proper maintenance with accountability," he added.

Expressing satisfaction over the outcome, another petitioner, Gouri Satya, said their five-year-long effort had finally yielded results.

"We are happy that the authorities will now abide by the Supreme Court's directions. Restoration will also be more economical than reconstruction, while preserving two valuable heritage structures," he said.

'Poor alterations, blocked drainage worsened Lansdowne building'

IIT Roorkee's report to Supreme Court blames unscientific additions for deterioration

Mysuru, May 6 (BCT)- In its report on the condition of Devaraja Market and the Lansdowne Building, the IIT Roorkee Committee told the Supreme Court that both structures can be restored and conserved, given their significant heritage value.

Flagging past interventions, the committee noted that additions such as mezzanine floors, use of RCC and steel elements, incompatible cement plaster, waterproofing materials and blocked drainage outlets had worsened the condition of the buildings. "These alterations, often carried out without scientific evaluation, disrupted the original material compatibility and moisture balance," the team told the Supreme Court, referring to the Lansdowne Building.

The committee also observed that proper maintenance in the past could have prevented much of the deterioration and expressed concern over unscientific and non-engineered changes.

"These should be removed during restoration to bring the buildings back to their original architectural and structural form. Once restored, proper upkeep with clear accountability must be ensured. Without such measures, the structures risk slipping back into neglect within a few years, defeating the purpose of conservation," it said.

A file photo of four-member expert committee from IIT Roorkee inspecting Lansdowne Building in October 2025.

On Devaraja Market, the report noted that nearly 70 percent of the vertical components, including walls and columns, fall under mild to moderate distress, indicating that they can be repaired through appropriate conservation measures.

"The Madras-terrace and jack-arch roofing systems are in critical condition, with about 75 percent of the roofing area needing urgent intervention. Masonry walls and columns are generally satisfactory, though localised cracks and dampness call for minor to moderate repairs. RCC extensions at the rear of east block show corrosion and spalling, requiring targeted rehabilitation," IIT Roorkee report said.

Fund crunch, heritage and green concerns…

Rs. 4,200 cr. elevated corridor plan stalled before take-off

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Of the total project cost, Rs. 2,600 crore, nearly 60 percent, has been earmarked for land acquisition and compensation, while Rs. 1,600 crore is estimated for construction.

The PWD had projected a two-year timeline for completion, subject to the release of special grants. However, with no budgetary allocation so far, the project remains stalled.

Planned as a futuristic transport solution, the corridor was designed to cater to the city's needs for the next two decades. Drawing inspiration from Bengaluru's Silk Board model, it features a double-decker concept integrating a flyover with provision for a future metro line. According to the DPR, the flyover would have four lanes with a width of 16 metres, along with 7-metre service roads on either side.

The 4-lane underpass walls are crafted from intricate cement relief work, serving as a structural canvas that immortalises the royal heritage of Mysuru and the cultural grandeur of Karnataka. These durable cement murals depict the majestic Dasara procession and palatial motifs.

A two-metre median has been reserved for a metro line, which would run on pillars above the flyover, allowing for cost savings when the metro project is eventually taken up. The existing road beneath would continue to serve local traffic.

Multiple hurdles

Despite its long-term vision and multi-level design, the project has run into multiple hurdles.

Apart from the lack of funds, it has drawn criticism from environmentalists, who have opposed the proposed felling of nearly 700 trees along the stretch. Heritage concerns have also been raised.

Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Wadiyar has objected to the plan, stating that it would affect the city's heritage character, particularly around Metropole Circle.

Landmarks such as Maharani's College, the Regional Commissioner's office, the Deputy Commissioner's residence and the Jaladarshini Guest House are located in the vicinity and there are fears that the elevated structure would dent their visual appeal.

In view of the financial constraints and growing opposition, the Chief Minister has directed that the project be kept in abeyance for now, leaving Mysuru's long-envisioned elevated corridor in limbo.

The flyover and underpasses have been designed in line with Mysuru's traditional architectural style, so there is no cause for concern on the heritage front. The underpasses, in particular, draw inspiration from the Indo-Saracenic style seen in the Mysore Palace. Overall, the DPR reflects a careful blend of engineering, tradition and modern design. However, the project has been put on hold for now.

— V. Mahadevaswamy, Asst. Executive Engineer, PWD

11-km elevated corridor DPR focuses on future

To link intl. cricket stadium planned at Huyilalu

Mysuru, May 6 (BLU&BCT)- The Detailed Project Report (DPR) for Mysuru's proposed elevated corridor between Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa Circle (Metropole Circle) and Lingadevarakoppal near Yelwal was prepared with a long-term vision, factoring in the city's needs for the next two decades.

Engineers designed the project to minimise the need for future excavation or disruption once the structure is in place.

The DPR incorporates provisions for utility ducts, cable corridors and underground drainage, all planned to ensure smooth management of services and reduce future costs.

However, despite the detailed planning and forward-looking design, the project remains stalled due to financial constraints and opposition from environmentalists and heritage groups.

The corridor was also envisaged as a key link to the international cricket stadium coming up at Huyilalu near Mysuru. With traffic expected to increase significantly once the stadium becomes operational, the elevated road was intended to provide seamless access and ease congestion in the area.

Hunsur Road, a major route connecting Mysuru to Madikeri, Mangaluru and Goa, was central to the proposal. The corridor would have enabled uninterrupted movement of vehicles, allowing direct access to the highway near Yelwal and easing traffic pressure along the stretch.

Overall, the project was conceived as a comprehensive solution to address both current traffic issues and future infrastructure demands, while strengthening regional connectivity.

Pee... & Be... Exposed!

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The MCC has also cleared debris from the footpath, making it more convenient and safer for pedestrians to use.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, MCC Commissioner Shaikh Tanveer Asif said, "The new initiative has been launched as a deterrent to avoid public urination and make Mysuru city more tourist-friendly."

He added that similar measures would be taken up in other parts of the city facing the same issue. "Despite the MCC constructing public toilets, people continue to urinate on footpaths and roads, which needs to be curbed," he said.

The initiative has been welcomed by the public, with many suggesting that it be replicated across the city to tackle the problem more effectively. A total of 28 such frames have been installed along the stretch.

As the sheets act like mirrors, they are expected to discourage people from urinating in the area by exposing them in public view.

Until recently, walking along the footpath adjoining People's Park on Bengaluru-Nilgiri Road had become a nightmare, especially for women and children, due to the foul smell emanating from the area.

The situation had worsened to such an extent that many pedestrians preferred to walk on the busy road, avoiding the footpath altogether, which also led to accidents.

Despite several efforts by the authorities, the problem persisted, with people continuing to deface the area. The situation was further aggravated by littering, as plastic bottles, covers and other waste were frequently dumped into the stormwater drains, causing blockages.

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The said commercial suit was filed seeking for the relief of Specific Performance of the registered Memorandum of Understanding dated 26.09.2016, registered further Memorandum of Understanding dated 14.09.2018, asking them to come forward and register the developed sital area of 68,000 sq. feet carved out in survey no.46/1, 46/5, 46/3 and 46/4 measuring 3 acres situated at Yadahalli Village, Jayapura Hobli, Mysuru Taluk in favor of our clients.

The Honorable Commercial Court at Mysuru, after hearing on the interim application, passed an ad-interim order of Temporary Injunction restraining the **Defendants from alienating the** developed sital area of 68,000/- sq. feet and 50% of corner sites carved out in land bearing survey no.46/1, 46/5, 46/3 and 46/4 measuring 3 acres situated at Yadahalli Village, Jayapura Hobli, Mysuru Taluk.

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THE LIGHTER SIDE

By Dr. R. Balasubramaniam

The joy of being a satirist

I discovered my gift for satire entirely by accident, the way most useful things in life are discovered. I wrote something in my college days about a particularly pompous professor who delivered forty-minute lectures on the virtue of brevity. My classmates laughed. The professor did not.

I immediately understood that I had found my calling but did nothing about it till I started working in the government. This was the time I felt that I needed to tell the world reflections of my experiences without hurting anyone's sentiments, but with a bit of learning thrown in.

Being a satirist is, at its core, a service profession. You look at the world with one eyebrow raised, which is a more sustainable posture than the alternatives. The earnest reformer develops a furrowed brow. The pure cynic gets a permanent sneer. The satirist simply raises one eyebrow and waits. The world, reliably and on schedule, delivers material.

There is a particular joy in watching someone who has just lectured you about humility walk into a room and spend the first five minutes establishing their credentials. I have sat through governance conferences where the opening speaker spent twenty minutes on the importance of listening. He then talked without pause for another ninety. Nobody interrupted him because the occasion called for silence and he had, after all, just explained that listening matters. I took notes. Not on governance.

Politicians are, of course, the satirist's greatest benefactors. They deserve our gratitude, even when they do not deserve much else. The politician who rails against corruption from a stage and then

quietly adjusts his constituency funds is not a hypocrite in any simple sense. He is a performance artist of considerable technical skill. He holds contradictory positions simultaneously without visible discomfort. This requires training that no university offers. The satirist simply notices and says so, which is apparently the more objectionable act of the two.

The development sector, which I have inhabited for several decades now, is a particularly rich ecosystem. I have sat in meetings where people discussed the empowerment of poor communities for six uninterrupted hours in an air-conditioned room in a five-star hotel, never once opening the window to check whether any poor communities were visible from that floor. The catering was excellent. The irony was better. I ate both.

There are those who argue that satire is unkind. This misunderstands the transaction entirely. Satire is not an attack. It is a mirror. The mirror is not responsible for what appears in it. When I describe the senior bureaucrat who issues circulars demanding that offices reduce paper consumption and then sends the circular to forty-seven people as a printout, I am not being unkind. I am being accurate. This distinction matters enormously, especially to bureaucrats.

The satirist does develop certain professional hazards. The first is that people stop telling you things because they suspect everything will end up in print. This is not entirely incorrect, which complicates the denial. The second is that you start finding comedy in situations that require solemnity, which can produce unfortunate facial expressions at the wrong moments. I have learned, over the years, to look at the floor during meetings where important people say things that would, in any other context, be hilarious. The floor has been very useful to me.

The third hazard is the most serious. You begin to notice your own contradictions. I once wrote a sharp piece about people who give unsolicited advice. I wrote it without being asked. The moment it was published, I understood that I had created a small problem for myself. The satirist who cannot laugh at the satirist has missed the entire point. I laughed, eventually. It took a few days.

There is real joy in this work though, and it is worth naming clearly. The satirist is, in the end, an optimist in disguise. Only someone who believes that things can be better points at how they currently are and laughs. The pure pessimist does not bother. He already knows nothing will change. The satirist writes the piece, sends it out and secretly hopes that the pompous professor reads it and pauses, just for a moment, before the next forty-minute lecture on brevity.

Sometimes they do pause. Occasionally they even change. When that happens, the satirist sets down the pen, looks out the window and starts watching for the next meeting where someone important is about to explain listening at great length to a roomful of people who stopped listening fifteen minutes ago.

The material is never exhausted. The eyebrow stays raised. And the work continues.

[Dr. R. Balasubramaniam is the Founder of Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement (SVYM). 'The Lighter Side' is a series of satirical articles meant to bring a smile by highlighting the funny side of everyday life.]

Christ College hosts 'Samavarthana-2026'

Mysuru, May 6- Christ College, located in Srirampura, Mysuru, hosted its Graduation Ceremony 'Samavarthana -2026' in a grand manner at the College auditorium recently.

Ravindra Srikanthan, former Chairman, CII Karnataka State Council and Managing Director of SM Technology Limited, was the chief guest. Addressing the gathering, he urged students to build themselves as a "brand" through hard work, discipline and determination. He encouraged the graduates to transform challenges into opportunities and move ahead with confidence.

The programme began with lighting of the lamp by chief guest Ravindra Srikanthan, College Principal Rev. Fr. Jinto Jose, Vice-Principal Rev. Fr. Rejo Jacob, Academic Coordinator W.S. Johnson and student representative Shwetha.

Rev. Fr. Rejo Jacob welcomed. Rev. Fr. Jinto Jose highlighted the importance of college life and the role of knowledge, values and experiences in shaping their future.

A total of 215 students from the Departments of Commerce, Business Administration, Computer Science, Humanities and Social Sciences were conferred their degrees at the ceremony.

Students who excelled academically were also honoured. Archana from Computer Science, V. Nithya from Commerce and Sister Jenny Cherry from Humanities and Social Sciences were recognised as toppers with certificates and prizes.

In a notable achievement, Sister Jenny Cherry of the Journalism Department received five gold medals from the University of Mysore. She was also awarded Rs.10,000 by the College and Rs.10,000 by St. Thomas Society. S. Revathi received a cash award of Rs. 4,000 from the institution and the Society.

Student representative Regan administered the oath while Nathaniel Solomon shared his college journey.

White topping at Rs. 393 cr.

PWD begins work on Manandavadi Road

White topping and curing works in progress on Manandavadi Road near NIE.

Mysuru, May 6 (MTY&BCT)- Mysuru city is set for a major road overhaul, with the State Government taking up conversion of 12 key stretches into durable concrete roads (white topping) under a Rs. 393.85 crore project. The first phase has already begun on Manandavadi Road near NIE.

White topping is a method of laying a layer of cement concrete over existing bitumen roads to strengthen and extend their lifespan.

The move comes after years of complaints about poor-quality asphalting and recurring potholes, which had become a concern in a city known for its 'Clean City' status and growing tourist footfall. Until now, most repairs were limited to temporary patchwork.

With funds now released, tenders have been floated to cover 46.08 km across 12 major roads. Officials have set a two-year deadline for completion.

Work is currently underway on a 6.4 km stretch from Basaveshwara Circle to the Ring Road junction near Srirampura. The stretch passes key landmarks including the 101 Ganapati Temple in Agrahara, Nanjumalige Circle, Silk Factory Circle and is estimated to cost Rs. 42.74 crore.

Initial work has started in front of NIE, where nearly one kilometre has already been concreted. Traffic has been restricted to a single lane in the area, with diversions in place.

Authorities plan to complete one side of the road, allow time for curing and then take up the other side to reduce inconvenience to commuters.

Coordination Committee

To streamline execution, a Coordination Committee headed by Deputy Commissioner G. Lakshmikanth Reddy has been constituted.

The Committee includes officials from the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC), Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC), Revenue Department and Public Works Department (PWD). Work will be taken up only after all departments give clearance to avoid repeated digging after completion.

As part of the plan, all underground utilities such as drainage lines, water pipelines, power cables and telecom lines will be shifted to the roadside before concreting begins. In such stretches, interlock paving will be used instead of concrete to ensure easy access for future maintenance.

Break during Dasara

Officials have also decided to suspend construction work during the Dasara 2026 to avoid inconvenience during the peak tourist season. Work will resume once the festivities conclude.

The new project will also connect with concrete road stretches developed about a decade ago around Ramaswamy Circle, K.R. Circle and Bannimantap, creating a wider network of long-lasting, pothole-free roads across the city.

Civic authorities expect this to not only improve road quality but also reduce recurring maintenance costs significantly.

Public Works Department (PWD) Assistant Executive Engineer Mahadevaswamy said that work on Manandavadi Road is progressing as planned and that concreting will be taken up only after ensuring there are no obstructions from existing utility lines.

12 roads covering 46.08 kms across Mysuru city to be overhauled

Beyond Manandavadi Road, 11 other arterial stretches in Mysuru city are slated for white topping.

1. JLB ROAD: From Babu Jagjivan Ram Circle near City Railway Station to Yele Thota Junction, 4.39 km will be concreted at a cost of Rs. 33.18 crore.

2. HUNSUR ROAD: From Metropole Circle to Outer Ring Road near Hinkal, 5.65 km will be upgraded at Rs. 44.31 crore.

3. BOGADI ROAD CORRIDOR: From Banumaiah College Junction, Rama Vilas Road, Kukkarahalli Lake Railway Gate, up to Outer Ring Road Junction, 6 km will be concreted at Rs. 34.24 crore.

4. KRS ROAD: From Dasappa Circle on JLB Road through Akashvani Circle, Vontikoppal and Metagalli to Ring Road Junction, 4.94 km will be upgraded at Rs. 50 crore.

5. IRWIN ROAD: From K.R. Hospital Circle to the City Railway Station, 1.51 km will be concreted at Rs. 21.12 crore.

6. MAHADEVAPURA ROAD: From Nexus Centre City to Outer Ring Road Junction, 3.63 km at Rs. 37.19 crore.

7. JAYACHAMARAJA WADIYAR CIRCLE (HARDINGE CIRCLE) TO KEMPEGOWDA CIRCLE (MANIPAL HOSPITAL): Passing Sub-Urban Bus Stand, Five Lights Circle, Government Guest House, Fountain Circle, LIC Circle, JSS Dental College, up to Manipal Hospital Junction, 5.62 km at Rs. 67.24 crore.

8. VISHWAMANAVA DOUBLE ROAD: From Kukkarahalli Lake Junction via Vijaya Bank Circle and Ramakrishna Paramahamsa Circle to Outer Ring Road, 3.34 km at Rs. 31.42 crore.

9. ZOO ROAD: From Vanivilas Women's College Junction in Nazarbad to Mall of Mysore Junction, 1.22 km at Rs. 7.39 crore.

10. KARNATAKA POLICE ACADEMY CORRIDOR: From Jayachamaraja Wadiyar Circle past the City Police Commissioner's office, Nazarbad Circle, Chamundi Vihar Stadium, Karnataka Police Academy and Government Guest House, 2.48 km at Rs. 17.17 crore.

11. MINI VIDHANA SOUDHA ROAD: From Jayachamaraja Wadiyar Circle via Siddhartha Hotel and Chatrimara Circle to Mini Vidhana Soudha, 0.88 km at Rs. 5.84 crore.

Khandre inspects flyover site, seeks report on saving 347 trees

Mysuru, May 6 (MTY&BCT)- Karnataka Minister for Forest, Ecology and Environment Eshwar B. Khandre inspected the proposed flyover site near Manipal Hospital Circle on NH-275 in Siddiquinagar here this morning.

Forest officials said the project is likely to affect around 347 trees along Bannimantap Road, Nanjangud Road, Fountain Road and Hunsur Road, including those on central medians and along the carriageway.

The trees include species such as rosewood, rain tree, honge, akasha mallige, gasagase, mahogany, mango and neem, many of which may need to be removed for the project.

The Minister directed officials to assess how many trees could be saved, explore the feasibility of transplanting certain species, including rosewood and submit a detailed report.

Deputy Conservator of Forests K. Paramesh, Social Forestry Deputy Conservator Shankaregowda and other officials were present during the inspection.

‘Dr. Raj-starrer *Bangarada Manushya* turned many youths towards farming’

Mysuru, May 6 (MTY&DM)- Maintaining that Kannada thespian Dr. Rajkumar’s superhit film ‘Bangarada Manushya’ of the 1970s had turned many youths towards farming, noted Agricultural Scientist Dr. Vasanth Kumar Thimakapura said Dr. Rajkumar was not only a personality, but a great strength of inspiration.

He was speaking after inaugurating Dr. Rajkumar birth anniversary and ‘Dr. Raj Sadhana Awards’ presentation programme organised by city’s Inchara Samskrutika Pratishtana marking its 12th anniversary, at Namana Kala Mantapa in Krishnamurthypuram here on Sunday.

Pointing out that Dr. Rajkumar was symbolic of our State’s richness in culture and arts, he said that the thespian’s films were not just entertainment, but were representative of our morality and culture.

Star of Mysore ***Photographer M.N. Lakshminarayana Yadav*** *(2nd from left)* ***and 7 other achievers, who were conferred ‘Dr. Raj Sadhana Awards’ by Inchara Samskrutika Pratishtana in city on Sunday, seen with the guests and organisers.***

Asserting that Dr. Raj played a very vital role during the Gokak Movement of the 1980s, he said that the survival of Kannada language as the foremost language of the State can be largely attributed to this massive movement.

Writer Satish Chandra delivered a talk on Dr. Rajkumar.

Eight achievers from different fields were conferred ‘Dr. Raj Sadhana Award’ — Swamy Mahamane (Theatre and Organisation), R.B. Nagaraj (Singer), S. Venkatesh (Film Production), *Star of Mysore* and *Mysuru Mithra* Photographer M.N. Lakshminarayana Yadav (Press Photography), Jayaram (Agriculture/Farming), R. Lakshman (Social Service) and Ananth (Yoga).

Also, meritorious student M.P. Nidhishri was presented ‘Dr. Raj Pratibha Puraskar’ on the occasion.

Melukote Vangipura Mutt Seer Sri Ilai Alwar Swamiji graced the occasion.

Karnataka Sugama Sangeetha Parishat, Mysuru District President Dr. Nagaraj V. Bairy, social worker Dr. K. Raghuram Vajpayee, District Kannada Sahitya Parishat President Maddikere Gopal, Theatre personality Rajashekar Kadamba, Lecturer Niveditha, Pratishtana President Ranganath Mysore and others were present.

Dr. Rajkumar always blessed artistes: Jayamala

Mysuru, May 6 (PM&DM)- Stating that matinee idol Dr. Rajkumar was a spirit behind scores of artistes, noted actress of yesteryears Jayamala, who is also the President of Karnataka Film Chamber of Commerce (KFCC), said the thespian Dr. Rajkumar always blessed and wished budding artistes and she was one among them.

She was speaking after inaugurating ‘Raj Sangama - Girikanye Sambhrama’ Musical Nite organised by Arunaraga Creations, Mysuru, marking the birth anniversary of Dr. Rajkumar and Dr. Puneeth Rajkumar at MBCT auditorium in Vishweswaranagar here on Sunday.

Actress and Karnataka Film Chamber of Commerce (KFCC) President Jayamala lighting the lamp to inaugurate the Musical Nite at MBCT auditorium in Vishweswaranagar on Sunday as others look on.

“I would not have made name and fame in Kannada cinema industry had I not been selected as heroine for Dr. Raj’s film ‘Girikanye’. I feel virtuous for having acted in 7 films with Dr. Rajkumar,” Jayamala maintained.

Film Producer Srinivas, Karnataka Exhibition Authority Chairman Ayub Khan, Kannada and Culture Joint Director V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy, Mysuru District Sugama Sangeetha Parishat President Dr. Nagaraj V. Bairy, Senior Journalist Amshi Prasannakumar, K.R. Hospital Medical Superintendent Dr. H.P. Shobha, Golden Suresh, Yedeyur Samiulla, Arunaraga Creations Head Dr. Rekha Arun and others were present. The Musical Nite featured hits from Dr. Raj and Jayamala-starrer films.

Shankaracharya Sadbhavana Awards conferred

Mysuru, May 6 (VVH&DM)- Achievers from different fields were conferred ‘Shankaracharya Sadbhavana Awards’ at a programme organised under the joint aegis of Himalaya Pratishtana and SSJG, marking Shankaracharya Jayanti at Nimbujadevi Temple premises in Nazarbad on Sunday.

MLA T.S. Srivatsa conferred the awards on C.N. Diwakar (Administrative Service), M.S. Rajashree (Public Administration), B. Raghavendra (Press), V. Nagaraj (Social Service) and Madhusudhan (Music).

Speaking on the occasion, MLA Srivatsa said mass prayers and religious programmes will not only help save our religion, but also strengthen us mentally. Stressing on the need for celebrating Jayantis of great personalities, he said that the Acharya trio — Shankaracharya, Ramanujacharya and Madhvacharya — have contributed a lot for *Sanatana Dharma*.

Five achievers from different fields were conferred ‘Shankaracharya Sadbhavana’ award at Shankaracharya Jayanti celebration organised under the joint aegis of Himalaya Pratishtana and SSJG, at Nimbujadevi temple premises in Nazarbad on Sunday.

Earlier, floral tributes were offered to the portrait of Shankaracharya. Scholar K. Anantaramu, social worker Dr. K. Raghuram Vajpayee, Nimbujadevi Temple Trust Vice-President Janardhan Jetti, Secretary M. Kiran, Himalaya Pratishtana President S. Ananth, S. Nagesh Babu and others were present.

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KD: The Devil (K)	(S-1)	10.10 am, 1.10 pm
		4.10 pm, 7.05 pm
		10.05
Ek Din (H)	(S-2)	10.25 am, 7.30 pm
Kara (Ta)	(S-2)	1 pm, 4.15 pm
Michael (E)	(S-2)	10.15 pm
	(S-3)	10.35 am
	(S-4)	1.15 pm, 4 pm
The Devil Wears Prada 2 (E)	(S-3)	1.20 pm, 7.40 pm
Raja Shivaji (H)	(S-3)	3.50 pm, 10.10 pm
Patriot (Ma)	(S-4)	9.40 am, 6.45 pm
		10.20 pm

MOVIES AT MYSURU VISION CINEMAS Ph: 2973519

KD: The Devil (K)	:	10 am, 1 pm
		3.50 pm, 6.40 pm
		9.30 pm
Love Mocktail 3 (K)	:	1 pm
Patriot (Ma)	:	1.45 pm, 6 pm, 9.30 pm
Raja Shivaji (H)	:	3.10 pm, 9.45 pm
Dhurandhar: The Revenge (K)	:	4 pm, 8.30 pm

MOVIES AT NEXUS MALL

KD: The Devil (K)	:	9.30 am, 10.30 am, 12:25 pm
		1.25 pm, 4.20 pm, 6.15 pm
		7.15 pm, 9.10 pm, 10.10 pm
Ek Din (H)	:	10.40 am, 1.50 pm, 7.50 pm
Lee Cronin's The Mummy (E)	:	11.05 am
Michael (E)	:	12 noon, 3.20 pm, 10.10 pm
Patriot (Ma)	:	12.15 pm, 4 pm
		6.35 pm, 10.15 pm
The Devil Wears Prada 2 (E)	:	1.20 pm, 7.35 pm
Raja Shivaji (H)	:	2.45 pm, 10.30 pm
Kara (Ta)	:	3.50 pm, 7.05 pm, 10.20 pm
Bhooth Bangla (H)	:	4.30 pm

MOVIES AT GARUDA MALL

KD: The Devil (K)	:	9.20 am, 9.55 am, 12.15 pm
		12.50 pm, 3.10 pm, 6.05 pm
		7.20 pm, 9 pm
The Devil Wears Prada 2 (E)	:	9.50 am, 4.25 pm
Kara (Ta)	:	9.55 am, 1.10 pm
		7.05 pm, 10.20 pm
Patriot (Ma)	:	12.30 pm, 3.45 pm, 10.15 pm
Ek Din (H)	:	4.05 pm, 10.30 pm
Raja Shivaji (H)	:	6.40 pm

JITO Mysore delegation attends business networking meet in Goa

*The delegation from JITO Mysore (from left) **Ashish Mahendra, Manohar Sankala, Dinesh Bohra, Chandragupt Katariya (Convener KKG Zone), Goutham Baghmar, Vijay Bakliwal, Prakash Gandhi, Bherulal Pitliya, Rajan Baghmar, Amarchand Dak, Mahender Katariya, Vinod Jain, Prashanth and Mahaveer Gadiya at Goa meet.***

Mysuru, May 6 (KS)- JITO Business Networking (JBN) Mysore Maharajas, a project of JITO Mysore, sent its 17-member delegation led by led by Convener of JITO Mysore Maharajas Mahaveer Gadiya to JBN 360 Degrees Goa recently.

JBN 360 Degrees is a three-day programme where entrepreneurs from across the country participate to grow and expand their business across India and beyond by exchanging referrals.

JITO Hubballi hosted the meet at Goa in the presence of a galaxy of leaders from JITO Apex and JITO KKG Zone.

EVENTS TODAY (MAY 6)

- **Ganabharathi:** Vocal concert by Dr. N.C. Rangacharyulu from Hyderabad, Vid. T.K.V. Ramanujacharyulu on violin, Vid. Mysore A. Radhesh on mridanga and Vid. S. Manjunath on ghata, Veene Seshanna Bhavana, Kuvempunagar **6 pm.**

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May 6: 'Kala Saptami,' weekly cultural programme, Mysore English Theatre Forum (METF) presents a staged reading 'MEET THE NEIGHBOURS' by John Peel; On Stage - Shashidhara Dongre, Nima Manjrekar, Meenu Lalwani, Sumana Dongre and Kitty Mandana; Music - Meenu Lalwani & Nima Manjrekar; Costumes - Kitty Mandana; Music Execution and Stage Management - K.S. Supriya; Direction - Meenu Lalwani; Production Assistance - Dipti Kotian, JCAC, Vijayanagar, **7 pm to 8 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (MAY 7)

- **JSS Mahavidyapeetha:** Golden Jubilee Special Lecture-15, Dr. Mohan Bhagwat, RSS Sarsanghchalak delivers talk on 'Social Harmony as a Catalyst of National Development' and releases 'Atmano Moksartham Jagat Hitaya Ca' - 14th Special Lecture Book by Sadguru Sri Madhusudan Sai; Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji graces the occasion, Suttur Mutt, foot of Chamundi Hill, **10 am.**
- **All India Institute of Speech and Hearing (AIISH), Mysuru:** Indocleftcon-2026 — 24th Annual Conference of Indian Society of Cleft Lip, Palate and Craniofacial Anomalies (ISCLPCA), Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao, District Minister Dr. H. C. Mahadevappa & MP Yaduveer Wadiyar, chief guests, Renu Mehta, Area Director, South Asia, Smile Train, guest of honour, Prof. M. Pushpavathi, President-ISCLPCA, presides, Knowledge Park, AIISH campus, **11 am.**
- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram, Mysuru:** Swami Jnanayoganandaji speaks on ' Srimad Bhagavad Gita' in Kannada, Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**

MOVIES AT MALL OF MYSORE

Kara (Ta)	:	9.30 am, 3.30 pm, 10.20 pm
Patriot (Ma)	:	9.30 am, 4 pm, 6.45 pm
KD: The Devil (K)	:	9.50 am, 12.45 pm, 1.05 pm
		3.40 pm, 6.35 pm, 7.35 pm
	:	9.30 pm, 10.30 pm
The Devil Wears Prada 2 (E)	:	10.30 am, 4.55 pm
Ek Din (H)	:	12.50 pm, 7.35 pm
Raja Shivaji (H)	:	1.05 pm, 10:20 pm

MOVIES AT CENTRO MALL

Kara (Ta)	:	9 am, 12.15 pm, 7.05 pm
KD: The Devil (K)	:	9.10 am, 10.20 am, 12.05 pm
		1.15 pm, 4.10 pm, 4.55 pm
		6.50 pm, 7.05 pm, 10 pm
The Devil Wears Prada 2 (E)	:	10.40 am, 7.50 pm
Patriot (Ma)	:	1.20 pm, 3.30 pm
		9.45 pm, 10.30 pm
Raja Shivaji (H)	:	3 pm, 10.20 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there is no minimum audience of 15.

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